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Doctors' Anxiety Over Mahatma's Condition

Bristow Leaves For Poona To Study Situation On Spot

BOMBAY, Thursday Feb. 18.

The following is the report on Mahatma Gandhi's condition up to this afternoon.

"Although Mahatma Gandhi had a total of nine hours' sleep, he is not refreshed nor mentally alert. There is other evidence of uraemia which is progressive. The heart action is feeble. Anxiety as to his condition deepens."

The report has been signed by Dr. M.D.D. Gilder, Major-General R.H. Candy, Dr. B. C. Roy, Lt.-Col. M. G. Bhandari, Dr. S. Nayar and Lt.-Col. B. Z. Shah.

DOCTORS LOOK WORRIED

Doctors who emerged from the Aga Khan Palace after an exhaustive examination of Mahatma Gandhi looked worried. It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi did not show any inclination to talk since morning, nor is he showing the same interest in those visiting him.—A.P.

Interviews lasting only three minutes were allowed to Mrs. Krishna Hutheesingh, sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi and Miss Goshwami when they visited Mahatma Gandhi this evening. They seemed deeply moved as they emerged from the Aga Khan Palace and were hardly able to speak. It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi, who was wrapped in a Khaddar Shawl, had a kind word or two to each one of them.

A minute or two after the interviews were ushered in by Dr. M.D.D. Gilder in the Mahatma's presence, he recognised them and appeared to strain himself to smile.

Bristow For Poona

BOMBAY, Feb. 18.

Specialists who examined Mahatma Gandhi submitted their report to the Government which is under consideration. Mr. C. H. Bristow, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, has left for Poona to-day presumably to see Mahatma Gandhi and ascertain the condition of his health. Mahatma Gandhi's host in Bombay, Mr. Birla has received a communication from Mr. Devdas Gandhi asking him to apply to the Government of Bombay for permission for Mr. Devdas Gandhi and his wife to see Mahatma Gandhi.

With the progress of the fast, the number of doctors examining Gandhi is daily increasing, though the list of visitors is restricted and the duration of interview reduced to a few minutes only.

Dr. K. T. Gajjar, Pathologist of Bombay, who examined Gandhi on Tuesday and immediately left for Bombay to prepare the report, returned to Poona by this morning train.

Approached by the "United Press" at the station, Dr. Gajjar appeared to be reluctant to make any comments on the report of his examination.

Among the new doctors attending at the Aga Khan's Palace is Dr. Dinshaw Mehta, specialist in passage treatment.

It is learnt that at this evening examination, the pathologist's report was the main subject of scrutiny for more than two hours. All the doctors, including Lt.-Col. Bhandari and the Surgeon-General to the Government of Bombay were present.

An important official of the Home Department, Government of Bombay, has also arrived here this morning train.

Calcutta Commercial Bodies' Appeal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18. Representatives of 36 commercial bodies of Calcutta, meeting in conference at the Indian Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, adopted a resolution strongly urging the Government of India to release Mahatma Gandhi immediately and unconditionally. They expressed the belief that such unconditional release would be greatly helpful in solving the present deadlock.

It was resolved to wire the resolution to H. E. the Viceroy, the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for India, and members of the Viceroy's Executive Council. The conference also offered

LONDON MOVE FOR MAHATMA'S RELEASE

DELHI CONFERENCE MEETING TO-DAY WILL AVOID CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, Feb. 18. I understand that several Labour members of Parliament are feeling restive and disturbed at the trend of events in India, especially the detention of Gandhi during the fast.

Following news from India of the resignation of three members of the Viceroy's Council, about 15 of them conferred yesterday afternoon in the Committee Room of the House of Commons. They decided to make urgent representations to Mr. Arthur Greenwood with a view to raise the matter in Commons and also to approach Mr. Lloyd George asking him to use his good offices.

I understand that a cable has been sent to General Smuts seeking his intervention. I am told that many more Labour Members would have attended yesterday's meeting, but they were prevented from doing so as their presence was required in the House where the Government policy on Beveridge Report was under fire.

To-night, Lord Strabolgi addressed a public meeting in Connaught Hall which was convened for the purpose of demanding Mahatma Gandhi's release and reopening negotiations with Indian leaders to end the deadlock. Those present at yesterday's meeting included Messrs. Reginald Sorensen, S. O. Davies and Dr. Haden Guest.

Mr. Sorensen was further authorised to make urgent representations to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Birmingham and other dignitaries of the Church.

Commerce Federation Postpones Meeting

NEW DELHI, February 18. Owing to the situation arising out of Gandhi's fast, the annual session of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry will now be held on March 27 and 28 in Delhi under the presidency of Mr. G. L. Mehta.

The annual session of the All-India Organisation of Industrial Employers will be held in Delhi on March 28.

The Committee of the Federation meets in Bombay on March 2 to consider the Budget proposals of the Government of India.—United Press.

LAHORE BAR ASSOCIATION URGES MAHATMA'S RELEASE

The District Bar Association, Lahore has sent a telegram to the Viceroy requesting him to forthwith order the unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi.

Bombay Women's Prayer For Gandhi

Hindu women of Bombay met together on Thursday and decided to offer prayers every day at 5-30 p.m. at the Ramnarain Manji for the health of Mahatma Gandhi until the fast which he has undertaken is over or he is released unconditionally.

COMMUNIST PARTY URGES RELEASE

The Communist Party of India at an urgent meeting held at Napoo Hall, Matunga, Bombay on Thursday evening passed a resolution unanimously demanding the unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi.

Demand For Immediate Release

The following have sent telegram to Viceroy urging unconditional and immediate release of Mahatma Gandhi:—

The Rice Merchants' Association, Bombay Mill Workers' Representative Council, Poona Students Union, Independent National Haikani Party, Bombay Advocates Association of Western India, Bombay, the Surat Cotton Merchants Association, Ahmedabad Newspapers Association, the Managing Committee of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

Karachi Citizens To Pray For Gandhi

KARACHI, Feb. 18. Under the Presidency of the Mayor Mr. Sohrab K. H. Khatrak, a public meeting of the citizens of Karachi will be held to-morrow to offer prayers for Mahatma Gandhi's health and for the successful termination of his fast.

The speaker will include Mr. Jamshed Mehta, Mr. Hatim Ali, R. B. Shieratan Mohatta and Sister Sequira.—A.P.

CHURCHILL CONFINED TO BED

LONDON, February 18. It is officially announced from Downing Street today: "The Prime Minister has been suffering from feverish cold and is confined to bed."—Reuter.

MILITIA BILL PASSED

CANBERRA.—The Militia Bill comprising compulsory service for militiamen in an extended but limited area in the South Pacific which has already passed by the House of Representatives has passed all stages in the Senate without amendment.

a country like India. I think that the Americans are justified in discussing India now, because in a sense it is more than a British problem."

Mr. Bertrand Russell: "India should have independence."

Leaders Concerned About Mahatma's Health

NEW DELHI, February 18. Today's grave news about Mahatma Gandhi's condition was anxiously considered at informal meetings of leaders assembling at Birla House here for tomorrow's Conference.

Delhi Conference Programme

The programme for the first day of the Leaders' Conference beginning tomorrow at 3-30 p.m. at No. 28, Pheroze Shah Road, New Delhi was provisionally agreed upon at an informal meeting of the conveners and others held this evening at Birla House. It is proposed that the Conference tomorrow should be largely preliminary in character. The proceedings, which will be open to the press will begin with a speech by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, welcoming the invitees on behalf of the Conveners. Messages received from those who could not attend and from other prominent persons will be read. Thereafter a Committee will be set up to draft the resolution for the Conference and decide upon the procedure to be followed to convey the resolution to the Government, where, a deputation should wait on the Viceroy for the purpose or any other method could be devised.

The resolution will be placed before the Conference for debate and adoption on the second day, when Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is expected to preside.

It is assumed that the Conference will limit itself to one resolution urging Mahatma Gandhi's unconditional release and will not allow the raising of controversial points.

More than 150 invitees are likely to be present. Most of them have already arrived in Delhi.

Mr. Devdas Gandhi is expected to leave tomorrow morning by the Frontier Mail for Poona.—A. P.

Aney and Sarkar May Attend Conference

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18. Sir Homi Mody is not attending the Leaders' Conference, which begins here from to-morrow afternoon, it is learned here. According to the present plans, he will leave for Bombay as soon as he is able to do so.

It is likely that Mr. Aney and

NEW PERSIAN PREMIER'S POLICY

TEHERAN, Feb. 18. Persia's new Premier, Mr. Ali Soheili, announced to-day that firm collaboration with Britain, Russia and the United States was one point in the programme which his cabinet intended to present to the Persian Parliament.

The programme also included measures to assure the people's food supplies, reduction of cost of living and progress in agriculture, public health and education coupled with improvements in the condition of workers, agriculturists and Government officials.—Reuter.

Goebbels Sounds Alarm

Dr. Goebbels spoke in Berlin Sports Palace to-night (Thursday), his first public statement since the rearing of Hitler's proclamation three weeks ago. He said "Stalingrad was and is the great alarm call of fate to the German nation. I believe the whole German nation will wholeheartedly and passionately take note of what I have to tell you to-night. This is why I shall speak to you with all the solemn seriousness and frankness which the hour demands."

DUKE OF WINDSOR

NASSAU, (Bahamas): The Duke of Windsor will take the salute at a military demonstration to be held here on Sunday, February 21, to celebrate the Russian victories and in honour of the Russian dead.—Reuter.

Big Hoax On Karachi Daily

KARACHI, Feb. 18. A HOAX WAS PLAYED ON THE "SIND OBSERVER" TO-DAY WHEN IT RECEIVED A BOGUS ORDER PURPORTING TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE SIND GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWING THE ORDER OF ONE MONTH PRECENSORSHIP OF EDITORIAL COMMENTS PASSED ON THAT PAPER ON 4TH FEBRUARY. THE "SIND OBSERVER" PUBLISHED THE REPORT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ORDER IN THIS EVENING BULLETIN THIS AFTERNOON. LATER, FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT THE TRUE FACTS CAME OUT AND THE LETTER RECEIVED BY THE "SIND OBSERVER" PROVED TO BE A FOOLERY.—A.P.

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Viceroy Holds Key To Aga Khan's Palace

AMERY'S REPLY TO INTERPELLATIONS IN COMMONS

LONDON, February 18. The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Leopold Amery, was asked in the House of Commons to-day, if as a possible contribution towards the end of the present deadlock in India, he would now allow influential non-party men like Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Rajagopalachari to confer with Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. Amery replied: "I am content to leave the question of interviews with Mr. Gandhi to the discretion of the Government of India."

Labourite Sorensen asked: "Does not Mr. Amery realise that a new situation has been created by the resignation of the three members of the Viceroy's Council and in view of that fact, could he not make some suggestion to the Viceroy that these contacts as suggested should be allowed."

Mr. Amery "No, Sir."

Replying to a question, the Secretary for India, Mr. Amery told the Commons today that the correspondence between Mr. Gandhi and the Viceroy had been given in its entirety to the Press both in India and this country and that it was not proposed to lay a whitepaper.—Reuter.

Casualties Due To Disturbances

The Secretary for India, Mr. Leopold Amery, replying to a question in the Commons stated from August 9 to November 30 last year, 1,028 people lost their lives as the result of disturbances in India, and 3,215 were more or less seriously injured. During the same period, 558 sentences of whipping were imposed in British India, excluding the United Provinces for which no figures have been supplied.

THREAT TO NAZI FORCES AT OREL

MOSCOW, February 18. A new threat to the flank of the German forces holding Orel, the last German stronghold on the Moscow-Khar'kov railway, has developed with the Russian thrust west of Patezh, sixty miles south of Orel. Other Russian forces are driving towards Orel from South-East.

A Berlin communique announces the evacuation of Khar'kov.

Mme. Chiang's Plain-speaking To U. S. Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. Madame Chiang Kai-shek warned a joint session of the United States Congress to-day of the power of Japan. The prevailing opinion seemed to consider the threat of the Japanese as of relative unimportance and Hitler as the first concern, she said. This was not borne out by facts.

"Let us not forget that Japan in her occupied areas to-day has greater resources at her command than Germany, that the longer Japan is left in undisputed possession of these resources the stronger she must become. The peril of the Japanese juggernaut remains. Japanese military might be decimated as a fighting force before its threat to civilisation is removed."

Madame Chiang is the second woman in history to address the Congress. The first was Queen Wilhelmina.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Sweeps Over Western Germany

LONDON, Feb. 18. The R.A.F. attacked targets in Western Germany last night. An Air Ministry communique says: "Last night naval aircraft operating under the Fighter Command attacked a number of small enemy vessels off the French coast. One enemy vessel was destroyed.—Reuter."

Moving the Labour amendment, the Mines leader Mr. James Griffiths said Commons would have to make a decision of immense importance to Britain's future. The Beveridge Security Plan has become symbol of the King of Britain we are determined to have when victory is won.

AN OPPORTUNITY MISSED

Mr. Griffiths declared the working classes and middle classes alike wanted this great plan to build economic equality in Britain. Government had missed a glorious opportunity.

Mr. Willink (Conservative) urging the Labour Party not to cause a break in the national unity, said Government had accepted in principle a comprehensive medical service and the system of children's allowance and that was a revolutionary landmark in Britain's social history.

Mr. Hector McNeill (Labour) said: "The Security Plan was the first attempt to face the implications of the Atlantic Charter. It would be dreadful if it came to be 'another scrap of paper.'"

Mr. John Clynes (Labour) who was Britain's Food Controller in the last war, said Government have missed the most magnificent chance ever offered to any modern ministry to build up a great essential social structure for the well being of the masses.

The Home Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison winding up the three days' debate in the Commons on Beveridge Security Plan said that if the Labour amendment were carried it would obviously raise serious constitutional and Parliamentary issues for Government.

Cheers from Government supporters greeted the announcement that Commons that the Labour amendment condemning the Gov-

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J. N. DUGGAN,
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CHANDRASEN & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 3437

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SAIFUDIN T. BALDIWALLA, of Bombay Bohra Mahomedan Inhabitant, who in his turn has agreed to purchase from Gani Aladin has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Any person having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

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Dated this 17th day of February, 1943.

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Sir C. V. Mehta in the course of his speech observed that the abnormal increase in the deposits were mainly due to the prevailing war conditions. He expressed satisfaction at the good progress made by the Bank.

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DEFINITION OF 'BROTHEL'

Magistrate On Lacuna In Prostitution Act

BOMBAY, Thursday.
"I think Section 8-B of the Prostitution Act requires to be amended. Such an amendment is very desirable as it would be a matter of very great difficulty for the prosecution to prove habitual use of the premises by more than one person," observed Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate of the Girgaum Police Court in acquitting Radhabai Krishna who was charged with living on the earnings of prostitution of a girl.

The Magistrate further observed: "There is a distinct lacuna in the Act left by reason of the word 'as a brothel' being used in Section 8-B instead of some such expression as 'for the purpose of prostitution of another woman'. A room used by one and the same girl on several occasions for the purpose of prostitution is not rendered a 'brothel' under the law the room not having been used by 'more than one person'. On the other hand a room used on several occasions but by different girls each time does not become a 'brothel' not having been habitually used by any one of the several girls. Besides it is very difficult for the prosecution to prove habitual use by more than one person."

Under the circumstances, the Magistrate acquitted accused Radhabai Krishna, in whose room the offence was alleged to have been committed. The first accused Ganpat Krishna was sentenced to two months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 in default to suffer three months' further R.I.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, FEB. 19.

Delhi 1-Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
5 p.m. Bilqis Begum, 5-10 Asad Ali Khan, 5-30 Gulabai, 5-40 Lanchana Jan, 5-50 Hader Husain, 5-55 Farhat Jahan Bibbo, 5-45 Gulabai, 6-55 Airforce Orchestra, 7 Dilli Ki Gullyan, 125 Asad Ali Khan, 7-30 Banking in U.S.S.R. 7-45 For villagers only 8-30 Farhat Jahan Bibbo, 8-45 Jangama, 9-30 B. B. C. News, 9-45 World Affairs, 10 Overture, 10-55 Concerto in D for violin and orchestra, 10-45 Geets.

Bombay 1-Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
6 a.m. Clarinet Solo, 8-5 News in Hindustani, 9-15 News in English, 9-30 Shaikhali Qawal and party, 9-45 Geet on Sarinda, 9-50 News in Marathi, 9 News in Gujarati, 9-10 N. N. Paradar, 9-20 Katanada songs, 9-30 T. R. Fare, 9-40 Sirish Upadhyaya, 9-45 Vinai Paki, 12-30 p.m. Naals, 12-45 News in Marathi, 12-50 News in Gujarati, 12-55 News in Hindustani, 1 Marathi pad, 1-30 News in English, 1-40 Lunch-hour music, 1-45 Local news and announcements, 1-55 Children's half-hour, 2-30 News in Gujarati, 2-45 News in Hindustani, 2-55 News in English, 2-55 Local news and announcements, 2-55 Children's half-hour, 3-30 News in Gujarati, 3-45 News in Hindustani, 3-55 News in English, 3-55 Local news and announcements, 3-55 Children's half-hour, 4-30 News in Gujarati, 4-45 News in Hindustani, 4-55 News in English, 4-55 Local news and announcements, 4-55 Children's half-hour, 5-30 News in Gujarati, 5-45 News in Hindustani, 5-55 News in English, 5-55 Local news and announcements, 5-55 Children's half-hour, 6-30 News in Gujarati, 6-45 News in Hindustani, 6-55 News in English, 6-55 Local news and announcements, 6-55 Children's half-hour, 7-30 News in Gujarati, 7-45 News in Hindustani, 7-55 News in English, 7-55 Local news and announcements, 7-55 Children's half-hour, 8-30 News in Gujarati, 8-45 News in Hindustani, 8-55 News in English, 8-55 Local news and announcements, 8-55 Children's half-hour, 9-30 News in Gujarati, 9-45 News in Hindustani, 9-55 News in English, 9-55 Local news and announcements, 9-55 Children's half-hour, 10-30 News in Gujarati, 10-45 News in Hindustani, 10-55 News in English, 10-55 Local news and announcements, 10-55 Children's half-hour, 11-30 News in Gujarati, 11-45 News in Hindustani, 11-55 News in English, 11-55 Local news and announcements, 11-55 Children's half-hour, 12-30 News in Gujarati, 12-45 News in Hindustani, 12-55 News in English, 12-55 Local news and announcements, 12-55 Children's half-hour.

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High tide: 11:45. Low tide: 6:20, 17:30.
Civic Address to Turkish Press Mission, Corporation Hall, 5 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS

HINDUSTANI "Manaji" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
CITY LIGHT "Tanaisha" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
METRO "Gone With The Wind" 2-45 and 7-45 p.m.
BROADWAY "Mascot" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
KOHINOOR "Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA "Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER "Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9 p.m.
CAPITOL "Dr. Broadway" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
REGAL "Win Done It" 4-15, 7-30 and 9-30
EROS "Springtime in the Rockies" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAVINSKY "This Gun For Hire" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR "Pimpriani Smith" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
ROXY "Kismet" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC "Barbarians" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
NEW WEST END "Zaminar" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY "Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA "Khan Daag" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
KISHNA "Pranathi" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL "Jawahar" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE "Bambi" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
PARADISE "Jungle Cavalcade" 4-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH
TAYLOR-Sir James Brind, K.C.I.E., aged 62, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, died of pneumonia and heart-failure on 17th February at his residence, Carmichael Road, Bombay.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND CRAFTS
OF SCHOOLS: To-day (Friday) and tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday, 21st instant
Society delivered by Dr. A. H. Kazi, will commence from 5-30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Instead of 9-30 p.m. (New S.T.) on every Friday, at Shahu Castle, Mohammed Road, Bombay.
UNITED LIONS OF THIOSOPHISTS: Study class on "Astral Body" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, Jeangir, Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, Friday, 6-15 p.m.
BARASWAT CULTURAL CONFERENCE: The Economic Welfare Committee of the Working Committee of the Cultural Conference has arranged a visit to the Parsi Hunnar Shala, Samadhi Colony, Tardeo, at 3-30 p.m. to-day. All desires of taking part in this visit are requested to be present at 3-15 p.m. sharp in Talant Wadia Building, Flora Fountain.
COTTON BROKERS' STAFF UNION: A mass prayer will be offered to God to give Mahatma Gandhi long life and carry him safe and successful through his present or future struggles, at 5 p.m. in the premises of the E. I. C. Association Ltd., at 5 p.m. (S.T.).
S. I. ASSOCIATION, MATUNGA: Sri T. J. R. Gopal, General Secretary, the Association, will deliver two lectures on "Adult Education" on Saturday, the 20th instant at 2 p.m. and on Sunday, the 21st instant at 5-30 p.m. in the premises of the above Association, Telang Road, Matunga (G. I. P. Railway).
BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: There will be an interesting talk in Marathi on "Jnaneswari" by Sri D. R. Sabnis, tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m.
NOTICE TO JURYMEN: Special Jurors' attention is directed to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 11, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Victoria Road Overbridge (West Side), and go round with them in the Ward.
WILSON COLLEGE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO PRAY FOR GANDHI'S LIFE: The Rev. John McKenzie, Principal Wilson College, Bombay, has permitted undergraduates of his College to offer prayers for Gandhi's recovery from the fast he has embarked upon and the students have been accordingly offering prayers every morning in their classes.
N. K. G. S. B. SANGH: Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the programme of music by Mrs. Vatsalaba Kalker arranged for Sunday (21st instant) in the Sanchi premises has been postponed.
INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE (BOMBAY NORTH): Monthly concert will be held on Saturday, the 20th instant at 10 p.m. (S.T.) at Nappa Hall, Matunga, when Master Shamuddin Tabla will entertain the members with classical vocal music.
TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION: Telegrams to New Delhi and its adjacent areas are subject to serious delay due to line disturbances.

Alleged Intimidation Of
Workers
Mirbuxkhan Mandekhan, who was arrested yesterday, on a charge of intimidating and threatening the workers of Ahmedbhai Omerbhoy Oil Mill at Wadi Bunder during a strike, was produced to-day before Mr. I. S. Hall, Presidency Magistrate, Mazgaon Court and was ordered to be remanded in Police custody till February 25.

"HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BOMB"

BOMBAY, Thursday.
The hearing of the case in which Nagu, Chotabhai Amin, a medical student of the G. S. Medical College stood charged with being found in possession of explosive substances, was resumed today before the Hon. Mr. Justice Lokur at the Special Court meeting in the premises of the Bombay High Court.

The accused pleaded not guilty and stated that he had nothing to do with bombs or bomb-making, or any other explosive, nor was he in actual possession of any of the articles alleged to have been found from his room.

On November 14, which was a Saturday I attended as usual to my work in ward No. 12 for blood-examination and left the ward at 5 p.m. At about 2 p.m. on the same day I was going to my ward duty when I saw Dr. Jadhav coming out of the office. Prior to this a peon had come and inquired of me about Kothari, therefore questioned Dr. Jadhav about Kothari. He told me that there was something important, and so I saw Kothari I should ask him to see Dr. Jadhav.

After Jadhav's work at 5 p.m. on that day I went to my room, changed my clothes, locked the door, put the key as usual on the sill above the door and left for Santa Cruz.

Tuesday (November 17) morning I was informed by my cousin A. C. Amin that I was wanted by the C.I.D. I therefore went with him to the C.I.D. office where I was put under arrest and my season-ticket was seized.

"In our hostel many students keep keys of their rooms on sills above the door in order that servants may open the room and clean it. Sometimes friends make use of the key to take rest in the room. Some students keep duplicate keys also. I had only one key and I used to keep it on the sill."

"On November 14 before I left I hadn't kept the alleged explosive articles in my room."

"I have not taken part in politics or any of the subversive activities. I have been devoting my attention solely to my studies. I belong to a respectable family and my father is a Government servant being a Gazetted Officer holding the post of an Assistant Registrar of the Co-operative Society at Ahmedabad."

"I have nothing to do with bombs or bomb-making or any other explosive, nor was I in possession or control of any of the articles alleged to have been found from my room."

After the statement of the accused was recorded, prosecution witnesses were cross-examined.

Issue Of Civic Address To Governors

The special meeting of the Municipal Corporation which was called on Thursday to consider the question of presenting addresses to the outgoing and incoming Governors, was adjourned "sine die". A large number of councillors of the Nationalist Municipal Party also came and their propounding votes threatened the fate of the resolution. As a "via media" therefore it was thought desirable to postpone the matter for some time being.

Mr. N. C. Bhargava moved to adjourn the House which was seconded by Mr. M. N. Talpade and carried unanimously. Dr. J. A. Collaco was voted to the chair.

Justice Wasoodew To Adjudicate

The Government of Bombay has appointed Mr. K. B. Wasoodew (Retired Judge of the High Court of Bombay) as adjudicator of all the trade disputes regarding dearness allowance and opening of a cheap grain shop between the Bule Brothers Factory, Bombay, and its employees.

A.-I. Weather

POONA, Feb. 18.
The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 14-24-43:
Alahabad 84 56 0.1; Bombay 84 58 0; Calcutta 85 62; Cawnpore 83 57; Cochin 87 63 0; Darjeeling 56 39 0; Delhi 79 49 0; Dibrui 78 65 0.3; Jalandhar 79 40; Kanpur 84 50 0; Lahore 75 46 0; Lucknow 84 53 0; Madras 85 70 0; Nagpur 82 63 0; Patna 81 58 0; Peshawar 67 40 0; Shillong 51 39 0; Simla 40 30 0.2.-A.P.

TURKISH DELEGATION LEAVES FOR BOMBAY

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD, Feb. 18.
After five days' stay in Hyderabad, the Turkish Press Mission left for Bombay this evening. Prior to their departure, they had audience with the Nizam.

Questioned about the minorities in Turkey, M. Atay told the journalists that the Turkish Republic had many minorities, but there was no occasion for them to think exclusively in terms of community or religious sect except as Turks. He added that the national character dominated their politics and never did sectarian or communal considerations play any part in shaping the national policy. The Turkish Assembly was a true expression of the will of the people.

Asked whether religious instruction formed part of the educational policy in Turkey, the simple answer was "No."

The Chinese Educational Delegation headed by General Ho Yingchin arrives here on February 19.

TURKISH DELEGATION TO ARRIVE IN BOMBAY TO-DAY

The Turkish Press Delegation is expected to arrive in Bombay by the Madras Express to-day.

JOURNALISTS TO MEET TURKISH DELEGATION

Owing to Gandhi's fast, the lunch to the Turkish Press Delegation which was to have been given by the Journalists of Bombay to-day has been cancelled. In lieu of the lunch a reception will be given to the Delegation by the Journalists' Association of India, Bombay, the Provincial Committee of the Newspaper Editors' Conference and the Indian Language Newspapers' Association at 2-45 p.m. to-day. This will be followed immediately by a Press Conference. The functions will be held in the hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate, Reclamation, Bombay. Admission will be limited to the members of these three bodies.

CORPORATION'S ADDRESS TO TURKISH MISSION

The Municipal Corporation of Bombay will present the Civic Address to the Turkish Press Mission at the Corporation Hall to-day, Friday, at 5 p.m.

The address will be read by Dr. J. A. Collaco.

"NEW ERA IN WORLD"
New York: Mrs. Roosevelt, writing in the Collier's Magazine says that the beginning of post-war co-operation is in Britain. She said "If we build on the goodwill which Great Britain has toward us at the moment, we shall be beginning a new era in the world."—Bentor.

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THE PEOPLE'S DUTY

The first doctors' report on Gandhiji's health is positively disquieting. It states that his heart action is feeble and that on the whole "anxiety as to his condition deepens." And this report is signed by six doctors including Government servants like Major General R. H. Candy and Lt.-Col. M. G. Bhandari. According to the latest 'A.P.' message from Poona, the doctors who examined Gandhiji on Thursday "looked worried" and Gandhiji did not show "any inclination to talk since morning." We have no desire to exaggerate the gravity of the situation, if it can be exaggerated at all. But the steady deterioration of Gandhiji's health during the last four or five days cannot but alarm the country. And the feeling in everyone with a feeling heart is that Gandhiji's life must be saved at any cost. This is possible if millions make their united demand for Gandhiji's immediate and unconditional release.

"Release Gandhiji"

Already numerous responsible institutions and individuals have made such a demand. Among the latest and most influential of these institutions is the Calcutta Conference of representatives of thirty-six commercial bodies. The Leaders' Conference that is to commence today at Delhi under the presidency of Mr. C. Rajagopalachari is intended to focus public opinion on this issue, all political controversies being set aside for the present. With Gandhiji alive many great things are possible for India and the world in the near future.

Welcome

We offer a most cordial welcome to the Turkish Press Delegation arriving in Bombay today. And we feel sure the city as a whole will welcome it with all the cordiality and hospitality for which it is famous. The Delegation represents a great nation, whose courage and bravery, have excited the admiration of the world. Not less admirable are Turkey's vast strides in cultural progress on sound modern lines. Modern Turkey is, indeed, one of the choicest products of the renaissance that is spreading in Asia. Glorious as has been Turkey's recent history, the country can look forward to greater glories in the future. Subject India can learn much from Turkey and the two countries together with a democratic country like China will

Beveridge Plan

Though one need not expect any serious political crisis over the official attitude, now disclosed, towards the Beveridge plan of social security, it is clear that Sir John Anderson's speech on the subject in the House of Commons has roused a good deal of resentment and suspicion, especially among the Labourite M. P.'s that the Government are not as enthusiastic about the important features of the plan as they should have been. But for the fact that an open denunciation of the Government's attitude would involve censure on Messrs. Attlee, Bevin and Morrison, the Labourite Ministers, the Parliamentary Labour Party, it is clear, would have launched on a campaign of bitter attack against the

SABOTAGE TRIAL AT SURAT

NELLORE: Judgment was delivered by the Sessions Judge, acquitting Mr. Penubolu Subbiah Chetti, former Vice-Chairman of the Nellore Municipal Council, and four others and sentencing Kadeli Kamakshaya and Sadhu Seshiah to transportation for life under Section 307 I.P.C. for alleged attempt to murder a constable by name Hussain.

It was stated that during the recent Hindu-Muslim disturbances here, the constable was attacked by the accused and an attempt was made on his life.

SURAT: The hearing of the case in which Dhirubhai Ranchhodji, Lalubhai Marari, Balwant Gurusobhai Bhimbhai Makantji, Chhotabhai Gulabhai, Mohan Manubhai, Manubhai Kuwari, Khandubhai Makantji, Magan Morari, Manibhai Nihabhai, Khandubhai Morari and Madhubhai Lalubhai arrested at Anandnagar on a charge of forming an alleged unauthorised gang with intention to commit acts of sabotage began before the court of Special Magistrate Mr. Mirchandani.

Mr. Kothawala, Deputy Police Inspector, said that on August 15, 1942, after a search, Kikubhai of village Kachholi was arrested. A procession was taken out and he arrested Mohanlal, Ghelebbai and a boy of 18 who had national flags in their hands. Another procession was taken out un-

der the leadership of Dr. Maganlal. There were 100 boys in this procession. He asked them to disperse failing which he arrested Dr. Maganlal. The others sat down on the road. He arrested in all 8 persons.

After some time Sub-Inspector Mr. Bhatt with these eight persons and a police party was coming to the station. A mob of nearly 1,000 was following them demanding the release of the arrested persons. The mob was asked to disperse but it entered the platform. Then the mob rushed to the railway cabin and started throwing stones. Some of them broke the gates of the level crossing and put them across the up and down lines.

The police had reported also of the damage to a culvert and railway track.

The case is adjourned.

Other Arrests

Messrs. Jannadas Jinabhai Lakadavala and Chhaganlal Munarnji Vashi have been arrested under D.I.R.

According to a report received here from Nanded the police have seized some materials meant for preparing bombs, some explosive substance, some bombs prepared in wooden boxes and dynamite from a house in a village Rajpale. No arrests in this connection have yet been made.

Frankly Speaking

"Safety First"

Presiding over a meeting organised under the auspices of the Bombay National War Front on Wednesday, Sir R. P. Masani, the provincial leader of the Front, is reported to have said that "it was the duty of every true Indian to think of India's safety first, forgetting for the moment the question of India's rights and wrongs." Sir Rustom is further reported to have quoted the instance of the late Dadabhai Naoroji, "who, at the time of the last war, came out of his retirement to give a stirring appeal to Indians to help the Allies." Sir Rustom, we are sure, is well aware that all sections of the Indian people, including Congressmen, are as anxious to help the Allies in the present war, as the Grand Old Man of India was in the last war. So, there can be no question of the loyalty of any section of Indians to the cause of the present struggle against aggression. But, what Sir Rustom apparently failed to tell his audience, is that India itself was now seriously menaced by such aggression which was not the case in the last war. Would any student of the life and teachings of Dadabhai Naoroji, the born "rebel" against all injustice, social, economic and political, and the promulgator of the gospel of "Swaraj" or absolute national independence, we ask of Sir Rustom, dare to maintain that the G. O. C. M. would have asked his countrymen at the present juncture in the history of this country and of the world at large to forget for the moment the question of India's rights and wrongs while thinking of the country's safety, as suggested by Sir Rustom? Sir Rustom knows that all the major political organisations in the country, and in particular the Congress have not asked for complete "Swaraj" here and now but only for a truly National Government whose first and foremost task would be the organisation of national defence, against the most effective basis, against the menace of totalitarian aggression.

Need For National Government

In this connection, Sir Rustom Masani may not forget that Sir Moropant Joshi, provincial leader of the C. P. National War Front, had to say on the subject only a fortnight ago. Sir Moropant told his audience among whom was the Governor of the province himself: "You can't create sentiment where none exists"—a truth to which Sir Rustom and his machinery of propaganda appeal completely to shut their eyes. "If the political situation could be satisfactorily settled without delay there is not the slightest doubt that the war effort would increase fifty fold or even hundred-fold almost immediately, may also be pondered over by Sir Rustom and his fellow-workers of the Front, for that remark further fits a fitting reply to Sir Rustom's appeal to the people not to think of their country's rights and wrongs at this hour. It is because the leaders of the people realize that aches cannot be put up with an effective defence of their country in its hour of peril, that they are insisting on the enfranchisement of the latter and on a truly national government being set up in the country.

Pradyuman Dashtathal has been arrested under D.I.R.

A report received here from Rajkot says that Mr. Sakarandha Mehta has been arrested under D.I.R.

Another Rajkot report says that four boys who were arrested in connection with a bomb case have been released by the State Police and seven others are being prosecuted.

MADRAS: Three students, two girls and one boy, who were arrested yesterday for shouting slogans at the premises of the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate were convicted by the Third Presidency Magistrate today under the D.I.R. The girls were awarded two months' simple imprisonment each, and the boy was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

NOWGONG: Hanashadhar Hazarika, a student of Rahga High School has been convicted on charge of being in possession of prejudicial documents and sentenced to six months. Mr. Bapamra Bora of Kallabhar, who was tried under Section 17 (1) of the Cr. Law Amendment Act has been acquitted. Mr. Mohan Chandra Mahanta, a pleader of the local bar, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for six months.

A. I. C. C. Member Arrested

MADRAS:—A member of the All-India Congress Committee and the Secretary of the Cuddapah District Congress shouted slogans, carrying tri-colour flags at the entrance to the Government Secretariat building on Thursday morning. They were arrested and removed by the police.

MADRAS:—The Chief Presidency Magistrate sentenced B. S. Sharma to three months' R.I. for shouting slogans at the High Court premises.

Turkey To-day: Secret Of Its Progress

By SIR WINDHAM DEEDS

One of the striking things about modern Turkey is, I think, just this that it is modern but it is still Turkey. The Turks are wise enough—and the mind was handed to the Atatürk is seen here to realize that though the modern world of culture and civilization had much to offer which Turkey needed in order to set up her new regime, yet modern modes and methods could not be applied wholesale but must be adapted to local conditions; and, as much that was bad as well as good in the modern world and that the bad must at all costs be avoided. Let me at once give a few examples to illustrate this.

Turkey is primarily an agricultural country. Seventy-five per cent of the population live and work on the land. Turkey also needs more industries—more the less, although industrial development is taking place, yet the Government has determined that they shall avoid the evils of "industrialism," namely, growth of unduly large cities and agglomeration of industry. They are determined that there shall not grow up an urban and a rural population with—as so often happens—conflicting interests.

Widening Peasants' Outlook

How are they trying to avoid this? On the one hand, by doing all they can to modernise agriculture, build better villages, equip them with schools and other amenities, to staff the schools with teachers who have an enlightened outlook but agricultural bias; in a word, not only to educate the peasant in modern methods of agriculture but also to broaden his sympathies and widen his outlook on life as a whole. In this way it is hoped to stem the tide of migration from country to town before it sets in.

Again, new industries are being established away from existing towns rather than in them—these industries will then draw only such population as they need for their own purposes. The idea of what we in England call garden cities is much in favour.

To take another aspect of industrialism. The Turks do not wish to encourage the growth of class of capitalists with all its attendant evils. Therefore, while there is private enterprise in Turkey both in the commercial and industrial field, yet profits are limited and the State is also the entrepreneur. One of the six fundamental principles of the People's Party represented by the now well-known six arrows—etatism, which means "inter alia" direct creative activity of the State and State control over private enterprise; and, apart from the fact that the State is the owner of the nation as a whole, they should be safeguarded by the State itself. Thus, then, in Turkey we see a combination of State and private enterprise.

People's Party

Or, to take a second example from the field of politics. Turkey has democracy and has a manhood suffrage from the age of 20, a Grand National Assembly elected every four years, and elected provincial and municipal councils. But Turkey has not adopted a two or multiple party system; or rather I should say that the course of events has produced but one party; for anyone is free to form a party who will. But it would be a great mistake to think of the People's Party in terms of, say, the Nazi or Fascist Party—there is only one party in Turkey today because as regards broad lines of State policy public opinion is united.

The reforms introduced by the Atatürk met (almost without exception) with public approval; of the truth of this the best evidence is that the revolution in Turkey, unlike revolutions elsewhere, was bloodless. On the other hand, there is plenty of criticism about questions, as I, who am a regular reader of Turkish papers, can testify. And criticism in Turkey loses nothing by the fact that it is spiced with that very precious native quality, Turkish wit! And in the Grand National Assembly, I am informed, there is no lack of discussion within the Party on both foreign and domestic affairs, but the discussions are not all subsequently made public. As yet all the regime is not yet 20 years old and the majority of the population is as yet politically immature. It is not claimed that provincial and municipal elections and government have been a many elementary stage. None the less, the machinery of popular government is there, as is also the ability and will to use it. Here, then, is another of the six fundamental principles, "populism," an analysis of which shows that the conception is based on democratic ideas—for example, that citizens have duties as well as rights; that there are no prerogatives or privileges by reason of person, family, class or com-

munity; and that class warfare, especially in industry, is wrong.

Freedom Of Religion

Let me cite yet another of the fundamental principles, namely, "secularism." This means that laws and regulations must be inspired by the latest results of scientific technique in response to the needs of contemporary life. The Party believes that it is essential to draw a line between religion on the one hand, and the State and politics, on the other. Religion is an individual matter and all are free to follow what religion they will. There is neither religious propaganda nor persecution. Here is a further example of the Turkish approach to what is in many countries still a very vexed question.

There is a fourth fundamental principle which I must quote because to me there is something so refreshing and dynamic about it, namely, "revolutionism." I mean that although Turkey has rejected all that was evil in the old regime and wishes wholly to be quit of it, yet she wishes to maintain and, where necessary, revive such traditions as are truly Turkish and, above all, preserve what is perhaps her greatest treasure, the national character. This character is best exemplified in the Turkish peasant, who, as a peasant, is known to the world for his industry, his dogged determination and his hospitality, and, as a soldier, for his courage and back-to-the-wall invincibility.

Strange But True

To those who have only known Turkey from a distance and from hearsay and who if they are of middle age, think in terms of the "sick man of Europe," it may appear strange and hardly credible that such changes as I have mentioned or referred to in this article is but a brief summary of a rich theme should have really taken place. But two things in this connection should be remembered.

First, that, bad as was the old regime, no one ever doubted that underneath it, so to speak, there was a people of sterling worth who only needed liberating in order to show it. In other words, it is not the people that have changed their character in 20 years—the people are the same, but they have "changed their clothes"; this is all. To pursue the metaphors, while the clothes

are new and fit perhaps ill in places yet, I prophesy that in another 20 years their wearers will cut a very worthy figure on the world.

The second thing to remember is that the maker of modern Turkey was a most remarkable man. It is hard to say more than this, for here we are dealing with an imponderable! But perhaps his most outstanding quality, which goes far to explain the course of recent events in Turkey, was that he knew his people through and through. He loved them, and was loved of them—where you have that combination, miracles may well happen.

There are two further questions whereon I must briefly touch in my attempt to explain how the Turkey of yesterday has been transformed into the Turkey of today. The first is the part played in the national life by women. I believe that many of the reforms in the home, family and social life in school health and educational affairs owe much of their initiative and drive to the influence of women, to whom all professions are now open (there are 30 women in the Grand National Assembly), and you cannot be in the country for a week without realizing the force that they are.

People's House

The second question is the emphasis which the Government has placed on education in the broadest sense of the term. I am not thinking only of State education or of the wide extension of village schools and higher educational institutes in town and city, but also of that remarkable institution—creation of the Atatürk and instrument of the Party—the "halk evi," or people's house as it is called in towns, and "halkodasi" or people's room as it is called in villages—of which there are some 400 in all, has done more, probably, to explain the reforms to the people and educate them in the art of life and the science of citizenship than any other institution or influence in the country. In the "halk evi" the adult population has gone back to school and it is there that the juvenile population completes its schooling. It is at the same time a social and recreational centre for all sorts and conditions of people in town or village, and it is a centre from which much active social work is done. It is supported by the Party, its membership is free, and it is administered by its own members.

Much else could be written about modern Turkey, but are many more words needed, I wonder? More convincing than words are deeds. Unless the regime had been established on solid foundations and unless it had the full support of its people, could it have offered that solid resolute front to the world which—in most delicate, indeed in dangerous circumstances—Turkey has now done for the last four years?

ALLIED DEFENCE LINE THROWN BACK

Germans Occupy Kasserine And Sbeitla

LONDON, Feb. 18. Allied communiques from North Africa states that the Allied forces have evacuated Feriana and Sbeitla.

The communiques also announce that Kasserine has been occupied by the Germans. Kasserine which according to the Allied communiques is occupied by the Germans lies between Feriana and Sbeitla. It is about twenty miles north-east of Feriana and about the same distance west south-west of Sbeitla. According to Reuters' special correspondent in Cairo, advance forward patrols of the Eighth Army have reached the outskirts of Medenine without opposition. This strengthens the belief that the Axis does not intend anything more than delaying rearguard actions, until he is installed behind the Mareth defences proper. The mention of Fom Tahahouine area in the Middle East communiques for the first time indicates that the Southern Columns are keeping up practically level with the coast troops with the help of improved going.

The German advance in Southern Tunisia has come to a halt with Rommel's troops in possession of the towns of Feriana, Kasserine and Sbeitla. The Allied defence line has been thrown back as was indicated yesterday to a range of hills running behind the road connecting these three towns. The German advance in the extreme Southern Front was greater than at the Northern End, the line is still somewhat frayed. About a third to a quarter of the American personnel were casualties at Sidi Bou Zid where some material was lost. Little or nothing was left to the Germans at the aerodromes evacuated yesterday.

Casualties have been heavy on both sides. Indicative of the ex-

NAZI PLANES OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, February 18. An Air Ministry states during the night there was slight enemy activity near the south-east coast of England. No bombs have been reported.

MORLAIX VIADUCT DAMAGED

LONDON, February 18. The 300-foot high viaduct at Morlaix (Brittany) which carries the main railway line to Brest—one of the German centres of the Boat war was seriously damaged during the daylight raid on January 29. It is officially stated that the R.A.F. now has proof that one arch was partially demolished and another damaged, thus compelling diversion of traffic.

AXIS PLANES OVER CYPRUS

NICOSIA, (Cyprus): Two Axis reconnaissance planes crossed the coast on Wednesday morning. No incidents have been reported.—Reuters.

tent of the German losses is that one American combat group destroyed twenty German tanks in the first day's fighting. The fighting yesterday in the south was far less fierce than on the two preceding days. The Germans for the most part were occupying areas evacuated by the Americans. Most of the American armoured force has been moved into the Feriana-Tebessa area to regroup and reform.

Serious Local Set-Back

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. The United States War Secretary Mr. H. L. Stimson said today that United States Forces in Central Tunisia had suffered "a serious local set-back" which "should not be minimised but still less should it be exaggerated." Many tanks had been destroyed by German divebombers. There has been substantial casualties among the United States personnel and substantial losses of equipment. The sharp reverse was not an unexpected development.—Reuters.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"The question is being discussed in the lobbies of the Central Assembly at what stage the Viceroy took the Executive Council into his confidence."

Members of Government like Mr. Aney and Sir Sultana Ahmed were seen studying the full text of the Gandhi-Viceroy correspondence yesterday morning on the floor of the Assembly. It seems clear that though the Executive Council was constituted only in the course of last week regarding Gandhiji's intention to fast, the members were not shown the actual text of the correspondence until after its publication.

—New Delhi Correspondent of "Hindu," wiring on February 12.

"Wheat And Jowar Prospects Dim" declares a Bori Bunder headline.

Not dim but glaringly disturbingly acute!

Dr. Ambedkar at least should have no quarrel against the three Executive Councillors who have resigned. Thanks to their exit the Bombay Doctor is reported to have moved from the back bench to the front bench.

Nazi news sources have revealed that an attempt was made on the life of the Nazi-appointed Procurator General at Amsterdam.

The Dutch "goondas" seem to be busy!

opposing the resolution demanding Gandhiji's release, passed by the Newspaper Editors' Conference, Mr. Ian Stephens, acting editor of the "Statesman," explained that he "held strong personal views on the propriety of fasting over political issues, his dissent should not be regarded as necessarily reflecting the views of other British-owned newspapers in India."

But as it happens, it does!

As African lion has been presented to Mr. Churchill in commemoration of his visit to Africa. When the Russian bear, the American buffalo, the Angora goat, the Iceland seal and the Egyptian camel arrive, Mr. Churchill can start a zoo.

By the way, if Mr. Churchill wants some white elephants for his private zoo, he has only to come to India.

"Penalty of Having Two Wives," warns a headline.

Why penalty—It is not a sin or crime to have two wives. It is only a misfortune!

TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated by The Junior Colleague)

(1) The battle of the Idh and Desh is over. Supply Committee Goralva having retreated to previously prepared positions.

(2) An "Austerity Drive" is being started by the Government to teach the people to do with less than nothing that they have got now.

(3) Half-starved peasants will be encouraged to fast and clerks who are doing without lunch owing to rise in prices will be asked to give up their breakfast also.

(4) A special appeal will also be made to the well-to-do and the rich who will be requested to reduce their 14-course banquets to no more than 13 courses.

(5) To set a personal example in this "Austerity Drive," the Viceroy will do without—three Executive Councillors.

Pakistan Controversy In Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

Discussing non-official resolutions today, the Assembly rejected by 40 votes to 17 Sir Ziauddin's amendment to Mr. K. C. Neogy's resolution to the effect that the enquiry proposed by the resolution into the "excesses" alleged against the police and the military should cover investigation of the nature of organisation leading to dislocation of communication, murder, loot and forcible extortion of money and certain allegations against factory-owners.

The House then rejected without a division Mr. Neogy's original resolution also.

The resolution urging the suspension of the Central Legislature was not moved, as the mover Mr. K. C. Neogy was one of the Nationalist Party members absent from the House for the day.

Only Solution For Deadlock

Pandit Nilakanta Das, another member of the Party, moved his resolution asking for the implementation of the Federal Part of the Government of India Act. Discussion on it resolved itself into a debate on Pakistan.

The resolution was rejected without a division.

"The House rejected by 37 votes to 18, Mr. Das' amendment to the resolution of export of textile goods from India till such time as the needs of the people of the country were fully met with."

A resolution was moved by Mr. Jannadas Mehta recommending provision of suitable machinery for effective redress of the grievances of railway employees in the matter of suppression of discrimination, charges and dismissals by entrusting investigation and disciplinary proceedings to an independent body like the public service commission.

Discussion on it will be continued on the next non-official day, February 19.—A.P.



Restrictions On Assam Press

SHILLONG, February 17. The Governor of Assam by a notification has directed printers, publishers or editors not to publish, unless officially announced, any news or any reference to (a) any interruption of any kind in road, railway or telegraph communications, (b) any act of sabotage or attempted sabotage directed at any railway, military or civil aerodrome, power house, water or oil supply installation, telegraph or telephone line or other public utility services; and (c) any strike or interruption of work in any factory engaged in production of material required for military purposes.—A. P.

Sheriff's Meeting For Release

Requisition Under Circulation Now

The "Chronicle" learns that a requisition signed by well-known citizens of Bombay is to be sent to the Sheriff to call a public meeting of the citizens to request the Government to release Mahatma Gandhi unconditionally.

The requisition is now under circulation for signatures. BHOVAL: "THE MAHATMA'S LIFE MUST BE SAVED. THIS IS THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS AT PRESENT," SAID MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE TRAIN "EN ROUTE" TO DELHI ON THE EVE OF THE LEADERS CONFERENCE THERE.

He added: "All political considerations must be set aside and an united demand must be presented for the release of a man whose life is precious for the country and the world."

It is with this sole purpose in view that the Delhi conference has been convened and the conference will confine its deliberations to the steps to be taken to secure Mahatma Gandhi's release as speedily as possible."

Mr. Rajagopalachari indicated that both the Viceroy and the Prime Minister are likely to be approached by the conference in this connection.

Questioned as regards the chances of a League-Congress settlement in case Mahatma Gandhi is released, Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "One thing is certain. With Mahatma Gandhi among us the chances of such a settlement will recede by an indeterminate period."

BAN ON CUTTACK MEETING

CUTTACK: An order under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. has been promulgated by Khan Sahib Mushaikh, S.D.O., prohibiting holding of meetings in Cuttack municipal area up to Feb. 23. The public meetings, convened for this evening to consider the situation arising out of Gandhi's fast could not, therefore, be held in view of this order. The organisers of the meeting included Mr. Rangala Modi, M.L.A., Khan Sahib Syed Fazle Huq, M.L.A. some members of the Bar Association and the Communist party and the Secretary of the Orissa Moslem Students' Federation.—A. P.

Muslim Leader Not To Attend Session

CUTTACK, Feb. 18.—Mr. Syed Jalauddin Hashemy, who was invited to the Leaders' Conference, while regretting his inability to attend the conference, has requested the convenors to do all that is possible to save Gandhi's life.

The Poona Engineering & Technology College, hostel students passed a resolution urging the unconditional and immediate release of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders.

Demand For Unconditional Release

The following Bombay associations and institutions have sent to the Viceroy, telegrams pleading for unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi:—
Electric Merchants' Association, Social Service League, Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha, Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam.
Also the following mofassil parties:—
A-I Hindu Dharma Seva Sangha, Calcutta, The Students of Calcutta (in public meeting), Commercial Organisations of Calcutta, Citizens of Calcutta (in a public meeting).



Carmen Miranda and Horton in "Springtime in the Rockies" at Eros.

"Who Done It?" At Regal For Second Week

With every new Abbott and Costello comedy comes the chorus, "This is the one they can't top." And then Abbott and Costello come along and top it. Just now the world's top comedians are topping their previous efforts in a furiously funny entertainment called "Who Done It?" which is being held over for a second week at the Regal.

"All Through The Night" At Strand

Humphrey Bogart has established himself as a hero instead of a double-dyed villain, and in this thrilling Warner espionage comedy-melodrama he is an ex-gangster devoted to his mother, Jane Darwell at Strand from today.

"Louisiana Purchase" At Aurora

"Louisiana Purchase" Paramount's brilliant screen version of the Broadway comedy musical hit, is at the Aurora this week. Starring Bob Hope, Vera Zorina and Victor Moore, and featuring a first line supporting cast including Irene Bordoni, Dona Drake and 12 "Louisiana Lovelies".

'Gone With The Wind' Held Over At Metro

"Gone With The Wind" which was revived at Metro last week is held over for another week, this picture will not be shown at any other theatre in Bombay during 1943.

"Dr. Broadway" At Capitol

Against the background of Broadway, "Dr. Broadway" at Capitol presents the story of Macdonald, Carcy, a young doctor, who is known up and down the street as a fellow who knows all the angles. That is, he does—until he meets and falls in love with Jean Phillips and gets himself charged with the murder of Edward Cline.

"Bambi" At New Empire

Walt Disney's new feature production, "Bambi", photographed in Technicolor and released by R.K.O. Radio, makes some glorious fun out of the theory that girls rather than men take the initiative romantically in trying the marriage knot. "Bambi" is based on the famous best-selling Felix Salten novel and has been in production for more than five years. "Bambi" tells a moving story in terms of animal characters living in the great forest.

Programme At Paradise

"Jungle Cavalcade" featuring thousands of fierce animals is released this week from Friday 19th to Monday 22nd at Paradise, (Mabini).

From Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th "Look Who Is Laughing" will be screened.

"Sergeant York" At Palace

"Sergeant York", brilliant picture of the life story of one of the greatest Americans of the last World War, Sergeant Alvin C. York, is at Palace this week. Gary Cooper plays the title role of the hero, whose amazing feats included the capture of 132 Germans single-handed, and who was called "the greatest civilian soldier of the war". Joan Leslie has the feminine lead opposite Cooper, as a simple mountain girl with a keen wit and a lovable personality.

From Congress Ministry To Governor's Regime

R. P. Masani On 'Failure Of Violence And Treason In Province'

Leaders and workers of the National War Front from the city and districts, as well as prominent citizens were present at a tea and ice-cream party given by Sir R. P. Masani, Provincial Leader of the National War Front, and Lady Masani to meet H. E. the Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley, at the University gardens on Thursday evening.

In the course of an eulogistic speech Sir R. P. Masani stated that during the early days of Sir Roger's regime, when there was a popular ministry "he stood by the ministers at the risk of being misunderstood by large sections of the people who were opposed to certain measures taken by the ministers."

Continuing he said:—"Unfortunately, one fateful morning the ministers tendered their resignations in obedience to a mandate from the Congress High Command. The deterioration that took place in the political situation of the Province culminated in acts of violence and treason, unprecedented in our history. Thanks, however, to the coolness, calm confidence and determination with which your Excellency's Government has brought under control the dastardly and suicidal attempts to paralyse the government, to dislocate the normal life of the people and to hamper the war effort have failed ignominiously."

Sir Roger Lumley after thanking Sir R. P. Masani said:—"Support to the war effort is not universal in this country. But I must say that those who did support did so with remarkable staunchness, great unselfishness and judging from results, with considerable success."

Sounding a note of warning against complacency and asking the workers of the N.W.F. to carry on as before, His Excellency said: "Do not let us make the mistake of thinking that because things are going so well on every front, as a simple matter of fact, further effort and to mobilize all our spiritual and material resources."

U. S. PLANES SWEEP OVER BURMA

NEW DELHI, February 18. Fighter planes of the Tenth U.S. Air Force armed with machine-guns and light bombs, renewed attacks on enemy installations and motor vehicles in Northern Burma on February 16, says Rear Echelon Headquarters United States Army Forces, China-Burma-India.

One formation strafed twenty trucks loaded with bridge equipment on the road south of Hpinzup.

Another formation found twenty additional trucks in a parking area near Hpinzup and reported direct hits among them. The town itself was subjected to low-level attack and great damage resulted from four large fires.

A third formation concentrated on the enemy Headquarters at Nospup where a large number of troops are quartered. Much damage was reported and a landslide was caused blocking the main road.

From these operations all of our planes returned safely.—A. P.

R. A. F. Bombs Jap 'Dromes In Burma

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18. Yesterday Royal Air Force "Blenheims" escorted by fighters, attacked the enemy occupied village of Yegyanbyin, on Akyab Island, says an India Command Joint war 'communiqué'. All bombs fell on the target and two large fires were started. Other "Blenheims" dropped bombs on Japanese troop positions at Donbaik.

Elsewhere in Burma damage was caused to enemy aircraft parked on Heho aerodrome and a formation of "Mohawks" made a low-level attack on Monywa aerodrome.

From the days operations one of our aircraft is missing.—A. P.

JINNAH ASKED TO ARBITRATE

NAGPUR: It is understood that both the rival parties in Jubulpore Muslim League have requested Mr. Jinnah to arbitrate.—Orient Press.

CIVIC GUARDS ARRESTED

LUCKNOW: Two Civic Guards were arrested on a charge of robbery.—Orient Press.



Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Who Done It?" at Regal.

"Springtime In The Rockies" At Eros

A rollicking, merry, colourful musical delight eclipsing all other 20th Century-Fox musical successes like "Down Argentine Way", "That Night in Rio" and others is "Springtime in the Rockies" the newest Fox triumph now showing at the Eros, filmed in gorgeous technicolor against the stunning background of eye-filling Lake Louise known throughout the world for its wondrous beauty, spectacle and impressive splendour.

Pictures At Light House

FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Andrew Sisters in "In The Navy".

MONDAY & TUESDAY

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Ride 'em Cowboy".

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"Buck Privates" featuring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

"This Gun For Hire" At Excelsior

"This Gun For Hire" Paramount's exciting new drama, starring Veronica Lake and Robert Preston and featuring Laird Regan and Allan Ladd, opens at the Excelsior Theatre from to-day.

MALAVIYA'S ELDEST SON DEAD

BENARES, Feb. 18. Pandit Ramakant Malaviya, eldest son of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, died at 10-15 this morning due to heart trouble.

Pandit Ramakant Malaviya was a member of the U. P. Legislative Council and treasurer of the Benares Hindu University since a long time.—A. P.

The Half-Column "Dlm"

In yesterday's "Sentinel", Mr. Horniman very pointedly asks the pertinent question that when the present Stewards of the Turf Club "are subjected to a campaign of vilification... why don't these sensitive, disinterested public servants forthwith tender their resignations?" Mr. Horniman continues: "Can it be that they think it worth while to continue despite these attacks?" This is a sort of question which I want the members to ask themselves when they elect the new Committee of the Turf Club. Frankly anyone would say: "Well if that's all the thanks we get for being Stewards and running this Club, we don't want this thankless, honorary job." But the funny thing is that the Stewards, except Sir Jamshedji Jejeebhoy, seem not to mind what is said of them. And one begins to ask oneself: But why? There is something very peculiar about the whole thing. The matter is coming to a head. I must come to a head. Mr. Horniman refers to the canvassing of proxies months ago by Mr. Abdullah Khairat and P. D. Bolton and it strikes me that these two persons are always in the paddock "with the special permission of the Stewards". Then one begins to see the whole thing in a different light and frankly we don't like it. If Mr. Abdullah Khairat, who is a professional trainer, can have such a special privilege from the Stewards it is wrong and grossly unfair to the other trainers and to the general public as a whole. The "Sporting Times" has tried to give a Indians v Englishmen touch to this election. I think I am expressing the correct feeling of the public when I say that we would rather have an Englishman in whom we had confidence than an Indian in whom we have not that confidence. But that is beside the point, because there are enough Indian Club Members in whom we have the fullest confidence. You will note that while this Half Column asked several questions of the Turf Club Committee, not one was answered. The articles in the "Sporting Times" have done the Stewards little good. We would have appreciated it much more if the Stewards and the Committee had issued a statement or even attempted to answer the criticisms that have been levelled against them from all quarters. You can't dismiss public criticism like that.

No More Old Fiasco

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The last war "fiasco" about hanging the Kaiser and punishing war criminals must not be repeated, declared Lord Chancellor Viscount Simon in London to-day.

The war criminals who "are alive and available" must this time be surrendered before nighting could be regarded as finally ended and provisions for their surrender should be made at the time of armistice and not postponed until final settlement of treaty terms.—Reuter.

RANJI TROPHY

SEMI-FINAL

MADRAS, Feb. 18. Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Honorary Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India, announced:—
The semi-final in the cricket championship of India for the Ranji Trophy between Hyderabad (Eastern Zone) and Hyderabad (South Zone) will be played at Hyderabad (Dn.), on February 26, 27 and 28 and March 1.

S. N. D. T. Women's University Elections

Sgt. Soma K. Murajan writes:—
Our attention has been drawn to what may be called the joint manifesto of Miss Gardi Bhawadekar and one Mrs. Sagonkar, two of the candidates. The headline "S.N.D.T. College for Women" on the top of the card gives a wrong impression to the public that it may be an official document of the College. So far as I know the College has nothing to do with it and it is a personal manifesto of the two candidates. I would also like to draw attention of the electorate to another grave error. The aforesaid candidates claim that their names have been unanimously proposed by the Past Students' Association. I am a member of the P.S. Association, and I know that a meeting of 23 present out of a total of 77 or so—a number not sufficient even to make a quorum—was adopted by 14 votes only. How can they say that their names were "proposed", to use their phraseology, by a unanimous vote? They can at best claim a majority vote! The P. S. Association is too much of a local nature in that it belongs to the Bombay College only. The constituency is much wider and larger and consists of members all over India.

WORKER GETS RS. 3,000 AS DAMAGES FOR INJURIES

The Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla, at the Bombay High Court awarded to Sayanna Poshanna, a mill worker, a sum of Rs. 3,000 as damages for the injuries he sustained as a result of being knocked out by a car. The defendant in the suit was Mrs. Khatunissa A. Freerby, whose car which was being driven by her chauffeur, had knocked down the plaintiff near the junction of the Bhavanishankar Road and Gokhale Road on November 10, 1938.

As a result of the accident, the plaintiff had lost his eye-sight and was in the hospital for eight months.



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